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SUBJ: MARKET BRIEF: REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL DATA ON REGIONAL MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECURITY DEVICES AND SYSTEM

REF: STATE A-1742, MARCH 13, 1975

- 1. WE RECEIVED REFAIR ON APRIL 7 AND THUS UNABLE TO PREPARE MARKET BRIEF ENVISAGED TO MEET APRIL 15 DEADLINE. AS NOTED IN REFAIR, NO RESOURCE ALLOCATION WAS MADE FOR THIS MARKET BRIEF IN CURRENT CCP.
- 2. EMBASSY IS CONVINCED THAT PHILIPPINE MARKET FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SECURITY DEVICES AND SYSTEMS DOES NOT APPEAR ATTRACTIVE ENOUGH FOR SUCCESSFUL PROCUREMENT OF U.S. MANUFACTURERS BY COMMERCE OR LOCAL PROMOTION OF SINGAPORE EVENT BY POST. U.S. ALREADY HAS 66 PERCENT OR \$183,000 OF PHILIPPINE MARKET FOR INTER-COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT WHICH APPEARS TO BE ONE OF THE MOST PROMISING CATEGORIES. U.S. SUPPLIERS ALSO HAVE A PREDOMINANT SHARE OF THE MARKET FOR ALARM SYSTEMS AND LOCKSETS. CONSUMPTION OF PADLOCKS IS MARGINAL WITH NEEDS MET FROM LOCAL PRODUCTION. WE QUESTION, THEREFORE, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MERITS OF A MARKET BRIEF FOR PRODUCT CATEGORIES WHICH WE

SEE AS HAVING ONLY A FEW HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTAL SALES.

3. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT THAT PHILIPPINE BUSINESSMEN, WHO ARE GENERALLY EXPOSED LOCALLY TO RANGE OF U.S. PRODUCTS COVERED BY PROMOTION THEME, WOULD SPEND \$400 FOR ROUND-TRIP AIR FARE PLUS HOTEL AND OTHER EXPENSES TO VISIT THIS SINGAPORE EVENT, EVEN IF THE GOP WOULD FURNISH SHOW INVITEES WITH PASSPORTS. TRADITIONALLY, PHILIPPINES HAS LIMITED COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH SINGAPORE, AND FILIPINO BUSINESSMEN TEND TO GRAVITATE TO HONG KONG, WHICH IS CLOSER AND MORE FUN, OR FURTHER AFIELD TO TOKYO AND THE UNITED STATES. WE QUESTION WHETHER FILIPINO BUSINESSMEN WILL EVER BE RECORDED AS SIGNIFICANT VISITORS TO SINGAPORE TRADE EVENTS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT ANNUAL DIGITAL COUNT OF SUCH VISITORS GENERALLY REFLECTS FACT THEY ARE IN SINGAPORE FOR REASONS OTHER THAT USRTC EVENT.

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